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1. WHEN CHAIRMAN SETHNA RECEIVED ME TODAY TO DISCUSS HIS PREPARATION OF REPLIES TO DEPT'S QUESTIONS IN STATE 57036, HE AVERTED TO PARA 4 STATE'S 56698 AND SAID THAT HE SAY ADVANTAGES IN TRANSMITTING A STATEMENT HE HAD PREPARED ON INTERVENORS' PETITION THROUGH STATE DEPT RATHER THAN DIRECTLY TO NRC. IN RESPONSE TO HIS QUESTION, I AGREED THAT GOI APPARENTLY HAD CHOICE OF THESE TWO CHANNELS. HE THEN HAD HIS ASSISTANT, J.C.SHAH, CALL TEJA IN MEA AND LATTER APPARENTLY AGREED THAT STATE DEPT CHANNEL WOULD BE PREFERABLE. SETHNA'S PREFERENCE IS BASED ONB INTERNAL CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO RESPONSES IN PARLIAMENT TO QUESTIONS TAT HE EXPECTS REGARDING GOI'S HANDLING OF THIS MATTER WITH USG.

2. SINCE SETHNA ORIGINALLY INTENDED THAT SUBMISSION WOULD GO FROM INDIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON TO NRC, I EXPECT THAT IT WILL NOW LAND IN DEPT, BUT IT IS, OF COURSE, POSSIBLE THAT TEJA
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MAY GIVE IT TO EMBASSY DELHI FOR TRANSMISSION.

3. SETHNA PROMISED TO GIVE ME WRITTEN REPLIES TO QUESTIONS
POSED STATE'S 57036 ON THURSDAY, MARCH 11 A.M., AND I WILL, OF
COURSE, SEND THEM IMMEDIATELY TO WASHINGTON.
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